Opening of the New Year Sees Increased Activity in the Arena of National Politics

HARD FIGHT AHEAD IN NORTH DAKOTA

Republicans Think They See Chance of Ousting Non-Partisan League.

BISMARCK, N. D., January 3. (Special).-Predictions made on the floor of the house during the closing hours of the special session by Representative J. F. T. O'Conner of Grand Forks, minority leader, that resolutions passed by the majority condemning Attorney General William Langer and demanding his resignation "would make him the biggest man in North Dakota" are to be borne out, declare old-line political leaders who in the past have not been partial to the attorney general, but who now assert that he will be the next Governor of North Dakota. The attorney general has always The attorney general has always been a progressive. He was elected attorney general and re-elected on the Non-Partisan League ticket, and until his break with A. C. Townley a year ago he was one of the league's trump cards.

Many of the old guard who had until his break with a surface of the league's trump cards.

til now looked on from the side lines seem to be dispaying a desire to get into the game on Langer's side as a result of some of the actions taken by the recent session, which made to attempt to impeach Langer and other insurgent league officials, but which, the minority contended in de-bate, "condemned them without a bearing".

Frazier May Run Again. Frazier May Run Again.

If Langer becomes a candidate for the republican nomination for governor at the primaries next June, his principal opponent no doubt will be Gov. Lynn J. Frazier, who twice has been elected by the league on the republican ticket. The republican state central committee is headed by William Lemke, vice president of the league, and all of the republican machinery is in the hands of the non-partisans.

The fact that Gov. Frazier is gen-erally conceded to be the league's choice for a third term would indicate choice for a third term would indicate that he no longer seriously entertains presidential aspirations, although the governor has been mentioned as the possible nominee of both the labor and the recent liberal organipossible nominee of both the labor party and the recent liberal organization formed at St. Louis. It also leaves a question as to what the league will offer John N. Hagan, commissioner of agriculture, and considered fully as valuable to the organization as Mr. Frazier. Earlier, when it was thought that some other honors would be found for Frazier, Hagan was popularly considered in league circles as non-partisan gubernatorial material. Now it seems probable that a United States senatorship will be a United States senatorship will be used to appease Mr. Hagan should he be unwilling to accept a third term as commissioner of agriculture, in which capacity he is a dominant figure in the league's industrial pro-

Might Sacrifice Gronna.

To make Hagan United States sena-tor it would be necessary first to sac-rifice Asle J. Gronna, who is expected to be a candidate for re-election this year. Although Gronna and the league appear to have parted company, Gronna still has a large following among the farmers, and particularly among farmers of his own nationality. In farmers of his own nationality. In the second place, those within the league hint that William Lemke, who refrained from opposing John M. Baer, league representative from the first district, at the last league convention only in the interests of havening and Coolidge ticket. Others, however, have believed that a Lowden cover, have believed that a Lowden cover. mony, would like to go to Washington. While Mr. Lemke is vice president of the league and has been for more than a year its most active manager in North Dakota, and while he has a way of gatting what he manager in North Dakota, and while he has a way of getting what he wants, should there be a clash botween his ambitions and those of John N. Hagan or the latter's friends it might prove serious for the Non-Partisan League, in a battle in which the organization will more than ever before need to present a solid front to the enemy.

Representative George M. Young of the second North Dakota district, although re-elected a year ago with the indorsement of the league, has never openly espoused the league cause, and he has differed with the non-partisan control of the second North Dakota district, although re-elected a year ago with the indorsement of the league cause, and he has differed with the non-partisan control of the second North Dakota district, although re-elected a year ago with the indorsement of the league cause, and he has differed with the non-partisan control of the second North Dakota district, although re-elected a year ago with the indorsement of the league cause, and he has differed with the non-partisan control of the second North Dakota district, although re-elected a year ago with the indorsement of the league cause, and he has differed with the non-partisan control of the second North Dakota district, although re-elected a year ago with the indorsement of the league cause, and he has differed with the non-partisan control of the second North Dakota district although re-elected a year ago with the indorsement of the league cause.

he has differed with the non-partisan leaders seriously in his opposition to the Plumb plan. The league press of this state has severely criticised Young, and, unless there should be a change of heart on one side or the other, it now seems probable that Young will have opposition for the republican nomination at the next primaries. has differed with the non-partisan

Originally a Progressive.

Young originally was a progressive, and he and the offshoot of the repub-lican party which elected him were lican party which elected him were the ancestors politically of the present Non-Partisan League. The league, however, has moved so rapidly that it has left many of the progressives of yesteryear in the shoes of standpatters today. There is no inkling as to Young's probable opponent in the second congressional district. There are a number of league legislators in the territory who would appreciate are a number of league legislators in this territory who would appreciate an opportunity to go to Washington and sit there with John M. Baer of the first and J. H. Sinclair of the third, who are out-and-out non-parti-

Sans.
Should the old-line republicans, in co-operation with the insurgent non-partisans, succeed in nominating at the primaries Attorney General Lanthe primaries are clear regarded equally the primaries Attorney General Langer, or some one eise regarded equally capable of composing the difficulties of the various factions within the majority, it is probable that the democratic old guard, which is much in the minority, would not seriously consider a candidate for the governorship. Because it is a national campaign year, however, the organization would not be likely to remain out of paign year, however, the organic out of would not be likely to remain out of the field with a state ticket, altogether, and this fact might complicate matters for foes of the Townley fac-

Aside from Langer, who is not an avowed candidate for governor at this time, little is heard of possible republican wheel horses. The one concrete fact seems to be a growing sentiment that Langer could be governor if he wanted to be and an inclination on the part of old guard republicans, long antagonistic to the young attorney general, to accept him as inevitable.

GEN. WOOD FINDS FAVOR WITH DELAWARE G. O. P.

WILMINGTON, Del., January 3 (Special).—Gen. Leonard Wood seems to be the choice of Delaware republicans for the presidential nomination, both factions of the party seeming agreed that he is the strongest candidate at that he is the strongest candidate at present. Peculiar as it may seem, in the list of other possible candidates the name of Gen. John J. Pershing appears last. Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois is being talked of as the second best possibility in the coming contest.

Gen. Wood's achievement in quelling strike disturbances at Gary, Ind., and his executive ability as manifested in the Philippines and Cuba are given as the reasons for his popularity among politicians of this state.

Delaware has shown a more or less decided antagonism to Bryan of late years, and it is expected that democrats of this state will not assist the silver-tongued orator in his presidential boom. Talk among the democratic party foliowers and leaders has as yet not reached any such definite stage, however, as among the repub-Wood's achievement in quelling as yet not reached any such definite stage, however, as among the republicans, the common belief being that some stronger candidate will be forthcoming before the race begins in earnest. Some of the most influential men in the party believe that Attorney General Palmer's candidate, would find favor with local democrats.

MATT J. DENNING.

would accept the nomination either for governor or senator on the democratic ticket for the November election. It is generally conceded that the leaders of the democratic party in Utah will have a hard time to find a man among their ranks who can hope to have the strength Gen. Young would find favor with local democrats.

MATT J. DENNING.

Finds Role of Democratic Crown Prince Embarrassing



Who appears to be handleapped as a presidential candidate by the fact that he is son-in-law to a President who has the gift of silence.

COOLIDGE SITTING TIGHT IN BAY STATE

His Declination of Vice Presidency Support in South Dakota Startles.

BOSTON, January 3 (Special) .-Gov. Coolidge's declination of the South Dakota nomination for the vice presidency rather startled the republican politicians, and for this reason: They have believed that Gov. Coolidge could have the second place on the ticket simply by nodding his

head affirmatively. One reason for this belief has been the fact that Lowden's friends several weeks ago came out for a Lowden and Coolidge ticket. Poindexter's manager countered on the Lowden men by declaring that if Coolidge was an avowed candidate for the first place they would not contest for delegates in Massachusetts; and, furthermore, that they would not think of insulting Coolidge by trying to tie him up as a tail for the Poindexter kite.

There has been a feeling among th republican politicians that in case the anti-Wood men throughout the coun and Coolidge ticket would be more likely to be the winning one, on the ground that Lowden, although generally known as a conservative, was not so reactionary as Harding, and that therefore he could secure more of the old Roosevelt strength than

could the Ohio senator. Plans of the Politicians.

The anti-Wood men, in addition to the old trick of placing numerous favorite sons in the field in the hope of thereby defeating Wood, are endeavor-ing to divide the old Roosevelt fol-lowing. It had been assumed here by some politicians that Wood would be Roosevelt's residuary legatee politi-cally. The desire to split the Roose-velt strength it is believed, has led to

announced intention of taking the stump personally in every state it probably will be found Johnson is the second choice of quite a number of the thirty-one district delegates from Massachusetts.

Coolidge Is Sitting Tight. One of Johnson's lieutenants has already been at work in Massachusetts, and there are not wanting in-ternal evidences that he has met with

ome success. In the meantime Gov. Coolidge is sitting tight. He has not made, nor will he make, unless he changes his mind radically, any formal announce-ment that he is a candidate for the presidential nomination. He is say-ing that he has his work here as governor and that he is attending strictly to that work. His friends are working strenuously in his behalf, and, because of his action at the time of the Boston police strike, he is get-

of the Boston police strike, he is getting more unsought newspaper publicity than any other man mentioned for the place throughout the state.

Though Gov. Coolidge has blocked the vice presidential current, it is easy to see that, had he not done so, he and his friends might have had more influence than it is likely they

he and his friends might have had more influence than it is likely they will now have in deciding who shall be the presidential nominee.

Massachusetts has not been in the habit of sending pledged or instructed delegations to the national conventions. She may depart from that cus-

Was Democrats' Most Likely Gubernatorial Possibility or Opponent for Senator Smoot.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, January (Special).-The death of Brig. Gen. Richard W. Young has taken away the most likely candidate of the democratic party in Utah for the coming gubernatorial election, or else the candidate with whom the democrats had hoped they could defeat Senator Reed Smoot.

Reed Smoot.

As commander of the 14th Field Artillery—Utah's Own—and later commander of the 65th Brigade of Field Artillery, Gen. Young won probably more distinction during the world war than any other Utah man. His record previous to this time, both as a Regular Army officer and later as an attorney in Salt Lake, made him one of the leading figures in the democratic party of Utah.

Gen. Young had always refused to run for office, but it was reported in democratic circles up until the time of his death, last Sunday, that he would accept the nomination either for governor or senator on the democratic ticket for the November election. It is generally conceded that the leaders of the democratic party in Utah will have a hard time to find a man among their ranks who can hope

Combinations May Be in Order to Stop Wood and Bryan Booms

By N. O. MESSENGER.

WO combinations in restraint of presidential booms will soon be rendered necessary by force of circumstances, the politicians declare; one in the republican party and one in the democratic camp. It is said that the other republican candidates will have to combine to smash Wood before their own field will become clear, and that the democratic aspirants will find it needful to checkmate Bryan before they can make moves to success.

Already the Wood people are beginning to say, grimly, to the other boomers: "You'll have to beat us before you get anywhere." In retort the others say: "Well, you are not going to get away with this nomination merely with your 'efficiency' organization that you brag about so much.'

Bryan's boom, whether it has the active furthering aid of Mr. Bryan or not, is causing uneasiness to the friends of other prospective candidates. The visible evidences of the progress of the campaign in behalf of Mr. Bryan are not so disturbing as what might be called the psychology of the Bryan situation and his suspected aim and intention.

Not attempting to speak for Mr. Bryan himself, but explaining the views and attitude of some of those who are working for him now, it seems apparent that they are basing their campaign largely upon the theory that there is conjunction of favoring political planets-the man, the hour and the circumstances are meeting,

Recalling the fact that upon the occasion when Mr. Bryan came within ninety-six electoral votes of the presidency and fell behind his opponent only 800,000 in the popular vote of more than 13,000,000 for the two of them, they say such result was accomplished by his gathering unto himself a number of scattered elements of liberalism, radicalism and reform. This time, his supporters think, it will be possible again to assemble the same classes, with the addition of others, created by the changing times. They expect him to take in all the prohibitionists, the bimetallists of both parties, the pacifists, the German vote, the Irish, the progressive republicans, if the other party does not nominate an acceptable progressive, and the labor vote in all its ramifications. And they lean heavily on the expected support from labor and the advocates of public ownership of utili-

His supporters may not, it is said, engage in an active campaign for delegates to the national convention. There will be many uninstructed delegations, many others rallying around a favorite son as a post to hitch to until something turns up. The play, it is believed, will be to bring the Bryan prospective assets to the attention of the nominating convention and let that body decide, especially if there is a deadlock among the contesting avowed candidates.

Gov. Lowden's friends are chafing over his reserve and his disinclination to make himself and his views known to the people. They tell the writer that they cannot get the governor in a mood to "start something" for himself. At this time, he is described as standing on a punctilio of high regard for the presidential office and the ethical ground that the office should seek the man. That is all right as a theory, his workers say, but it does not appeal to them in their efforts to create an interest in his behalf. It is realized that some other candidates, while probably holding as much reverence for the office, are nevertheless practicing the policy that they would honor the office by filling it and are making no bones about their desire to give it a try-out, anyhow.

They tell an anecdote on Gov. Lowden's diffidence. He was guest at a notable semi-official dinner here recently. One of his seat neighbors said something about Minnesota, and the governor remarked that he was born in Sunrise, Minn., in a cabin. Then he told a story which led the other fellow to remark: "Great guns, man, why you are the first pioneer candidate since Lincoln. Why don't you tell the country

The story which the governor related was that his father was a blacksmith and he was born in a cabin. There were Indians around in those days, and his mother carried him in her arms all the time to prevent his being stolen. Seven years later, in 1867, the family moved to Iowa, in a prairie schooner, and he tramped behind the wagon, barefooted, most of the way. He worked on a farm and went to the district school. At fifteen he taught school and worked at day labor to get his college tuition. Then he went into a law office at \$8 a week for experience, and finally graduated from college at the head of the law class, later being recognized as one of the best lawyers in Chicago. After he got on his feet by his own efforts, he married Florence Pullman. He is a business man, a farmer, raising some of the best short-horn cattle in the west, and runs cotton plantations in the south. He has been in Congress and is governor of his state. Yet few people, his friends say, know these things.

Another incident to show his timidness about pushing himself forward is related. He is said to be the original official to put into practice the theory of a budget system. The first year the operation of the budget system in Illinois resulted in reducing the tax rate from 90 cents to 75 cents. Ten days ago the state tax board found it possible, through conserva tion of revenue and restriction of appropriations under the budget system, to lower it from 75 cents to 60 cents, but is is claimed the governor never demanded a scrimption of credit for it. All of which makes his political backers very

Senator Harding's friends are mightily encouraged and lifted up these days; indeed, they are wearing rather a cocky air and entertaining high hopes. In the first place, things have been smoothed out in Ohio with the Wood faction there, so as to promise assurance of a united delegation from the Buckeye state for the senator for the presidential nomination.

But the main cause of their encouragement is declared to be their belief that the impending bitter fight between Gen. Wood and Gov. Lowden threatens a situation in the convention which will facilitate Senator Harding coming through as a compromise candidate. Many political observers in the street are heard commenting to the same effect.

The Harding boomers will not be downcast, it is said, even should the primary selection of delegates place him behind the other candidates in the actual number of delegates obtained. What they count most upon is the possibility of these delegates checking and holding off from victory either Lowden or Wood and compelling the convention to turn to another, whereupon they will say: "Harding is the man."

William G. McAdoo is in a difficult position, his friends say. That there is an organized effort in his behalf for the nomination is well known, backed by Bernard Baruch and others. Propaganda work has been going on for months But there is his father-in-law, the President, it is pointed out, whose name may be presented the convention and previously in the primaries for the selection of delegates. The embarrassment is obvious.

At the same time, the politicians on the inside are not putting Mr. McAdoo into the discard, by any manner of means. They are biding their time, and meanwhile taking pains to over-

Questionnaires, much in vogue since selective draft days, will be in evidence in this campaign, It has been related how the prohibitionists are to "questionnaire" the presidential candidates on enforcement of the dry laws and how the treaty "killers" in the Senate have started out to inquire into the attitude of republican candidates on the league of nations. The fact is, there is a wide divergence of

opinion among republicans about throwing the league of nations issue into the presidential campaign. Some of the Senate anti-treaty leaders think it is the thing to do, and they are supported by a following outside. Other Senate republicans of importance take the opposite view, and they have distinguished support in the party leadership at large. The early weeks of January may decide the course which is to be followed.

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Advices come to Washington from the countryside, from sources worthy of consideration, that throwing the league into the campaign may be or may not be a good political move, but there is no question that the overwhelming sentiment of the country now favors ratification of the treaty with adequate reservations, irrespective of politics.

"Man Without a Party" Talked Of for President AWAIT WOOD MOVE



Political puzzle of 1920. The puzzle s: Has Hoover a presidential boom, despite the fact that his politics are unknown or because of that fact?

MARYLAND G. O. P. **FACES HOT FIGHT**

Goldsborough Followers to Oppose O. E. Weller in Senatorial Primary.

BALTIMORE, Md., January 3 (Special).-Another step was taken toward republican senatorial primary fight in Maryland at one of the hottest political meetings held here in a long time. Followers of former Gov. Goldsborough from all parts of the state, gathered at Albaugh's, last Monday, assailed O. E. Weller's candidacy for the United States Senate and authorized the appointment of a committee of twenty-seven to suggest a man who would have the undivided support of the republican party. As Weller, whose leadership of the Maryland republican organization Mr. Goldsborough is disputing, is believed certain to refuse to abandon his ambition to wear a toga, the internal war seems on in earnest.

Mr. Weller Announces. Mr. Weller yesterday filed formal announcement of his candidacy, which fol-lowing closely upon the heels of the Goldsborough conference, was regarded

Mr. Goldsborough, eliminating himself from the senatorial race, showed his cards at the Albaugh meeting when he said: "I have tried twice to go to the Senate. I might have had a lurking ambition to try again, but I am content to serve my party first and my ambition second. If I am one of the leaders of a faction, put me aside.

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Weller is the leader of a faction, put
him aside. Select a man who can take
the banner of Washington, Lincoln, Mc-Kinley and Roosevelt and perch it on

the peaks of victory.' Open Charges Made.

Mr. Weller was charged by other speakers at the meeting with having prevented the Maryland republicans from electing the governor in the refrom electing the governor in the recent campaign by heading off the candidacy of Bladen W. Lowndes. He was branded as a political tyrant, and charged with putting his personal ambition ahead of his party. His political associates, William P. Jackson and United States Senator France, were lambasted by innuendo when comment was made upon the part played by "millionaires" in republican campaigns. On the other hand, Bladen W. Lowndes, who, though a friend of Goldsborough and former enemy of Weller, had failed to come out for Goldsborough in the present fight, also was assailed. As Mr. Lowndes was the one man in the republican party who might have smoothed matters out, it now looks like efforts at party harmony will be smoothed matters out, it now looks like efforts at party harmony will be abandoned. Edwin G. Baetjer is most spoken of as the man to oppose Wel-ler should the primary fight develop.

Views of Opposition Strength. Opinion differs as to the strength of the opposition to the Weller candidacy, but the indications are that it is pow-erful enough to wreath in smiles the face of Senator John Walter Smith, who has no opposition to date for a

democratic renomination.

The meeting of the anti-Wellerites developed nothing in the nature of a movement for Gen. Leonard Wood for the presidency. There had been talk that such a move might be made, but the transfer of the presidency. that such a move might be made, but if the Wood boomers were hanging around the hall they did their work quietly. Weller and former Senator Jackson and the lesser leaders of the state organization are for an uninstructed delegation.

The democrats in Maryland are as much at sea as are the republicans on presidential preference, Senator Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama seems to have the greatest number of boomers just now.

JOHN A. ELGERT,

New Paper Money in Germany. BERLIN, January 3. — New paper money to the extent of 1,400,000,000 marks was placed in circulation during the holiday week, according to a state-ment just issued by the Imperial Bank. Germany's printed money now totals more than 47,724,000,000 marks.

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IN PENNSYLVANIA

G. O. P. Leaders Wish Presi-

dential Convention Delega-

tion to Go Unpledged.

HARRISBURG, Pa., January 3 (Spe-

cial) .- Now that Maj. Gen. Leonard

Wood's boom for the republican presi-

dential nomination has been launched

formally in the west, leaders of the

party in Pennsylvania are waiting to

see the next move in this state and

how it will take. Beyond a few in-

formal conferences, at which forma-

tion of Wood clubs in eastern counties

was discussed, nothing has been done

general have been the only ones to

show signs of activity whatever to-

ward the winning of delegates in the

Keystone state because of the atti-

tude of republican leaders that the

delegation should go unpledged, but

ready to vote for Gov. William C,

Gov. Sproul Strong.

Sentiment that Pennsylvania should have no republican contests that

would interfere with possibilities for Sproul has not needed much cultiva-tion in this state. Men prominent in

tion in this state. Men prominent in business have been quietly building up in their communities much support for the governor, where it also have behind him the solid strength of the republican state organization. Just now there are the usual January and the solid strength of the republican state organization.

Just now there are the usual January conversations about available candidates for the two state fiscal places to be filled in November(and the supreme court vacancy, but no matter what comes out of them, all will redound to the advantage of Sproul. There will be no struggle over the republican state chairmanship or anything else. Against such a situation and with the governor not having lost any of the popularity that sent him into the executive mansion with an unprecedented majority, work for Wood or any other candidate would not be easy, but from all accounts some admirers of the general propose to make themselves heard.

Anti-Palmer Sentiment Lacking.

Prominence of William Jennings Bryan in democratic national affairs again has only seemed to make the adherents of Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer more alert, and they propose to make their presence known at the Jackson day dinner, mindful of a similar dinner eight years ago, and determined to employ all advantages that have come the way of Pennsylvania democrats since then. Bryan used to have great influence among democrats in this state, but it would be interesting to see how much of it

democrats in this state, but it would be interesting to see how much of it would be left with a favorite son campaign under way, and even those who would seek the Palmer seat in the democratic national committee and control of the state organiza-tion are wary of setting up delegate

candidates against the Attorney Gen-eral. A. BOYD HAMILTON.

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Governor Reluctant to Call Special Ses-State Administration Is For Park sion of Legislature-Woman Voters er, New Orleans Democratic Organization for Stubbs. Talk Hoover.

NEW ORLEANS, La., January 3 (Special).—Louisiana's gubernatorial Special Dispatch to The Star. campaign, one of the most interesting TACOMA, Wash., January 3 .and perhaps remarkable in the state's Republican state politics in Washinghistory, entered upon its last lap New ton received a sudden upheaval when Year day. The democratic primary the national committee requested Gov. election for nomination of a candidate Louis F. Hart to call a special sesfor governor and all state officers, tosion of the legislature in order that gether with 159 members of the state the national woman's suffrage amendlegislature, sheriffs and parish ofment could be ratified. The injecficials, exclusive of judicial, will be tion of this question into state poliheld January 20. The general electics at this time has upset gubernation will take place in April. But, in torial apple carts and has placed the Louisiana, as in other southern states, governor in an embarrassing position. democratic nominations are equiva-Gov. Hart is a candidate for relent to an election. Two Left in Contest.

test.
The two candidates have already canvassed the northern sections of the state and are now preparing to

Record Vote Expected.

The outcome of this division of po

litical interest, as between representa-

Stubbs.

Stubbs' managers declare they will carry the fourth and fifth congressional districts by sufficiently large margin to offset the Parker lead in the third, sixth and seventh districts. Both sides claim the eighth district, and Orleans, both admit, will go for Stubbs, the only question being the majority.

A. W. NEWLIN.

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majority.

today's Star.

election. He has already refused to Col. Frank M. Stubbs of Monroe, recently of the 156th Infantry in France, and John M. Parker, this city, candidate for Vice President on the progressive ticket in 1916, are battling for the democratic nomination. Three other candidates, former Congressman Phanor Breazeale of Natchitoches; Senator E. M. Stafford of Orleans, and Percy Saint of Franklin, having long since dropped out of the race.

The state administration, headed by Gov. R. G. Pleasant, is supporting Parker for governor, while the New Orleans city democratic organization, convene the legislature to ratify the

Orleans city democratic organization, headed by Mayor Martin Behrman, is supporting Stubbs. This contest between the statehouse and city hall is not the least of the interesting and unusual phases of this statewide contest. Women Favor Hoover.

A new factor in the presidential campaign has developed among some of the clubwomen of the state. Herbert Hoover is being strongly mentioned for the nomination for President. One peculiar feature, politically, in this, is that no one apparently knows what Hoover's politics are. Hoover talk is to be heard in labor ranks and on the streets Many democrats claim he will the state and are now preparing to enter the third congressional district, known as the sugar belt, and as a whirlwind finish will spend the last week in the city of New Orleans. On the eve of the entry of the two candidates into the old third, announcement was made by the Parker side that Representative Whit P. Martin of Thibodaux, heretofore silent on the campaign, was supporting and streets. Many democrats claim he will make an ideal standard bearer and successor for President Wilson, while the campaign, was supporting and would vote for Parker. Dr. Thomas H. Stark, sheriff, and Col. William H. Price, recognized leaders in Judge Martin's home parish of Lafourche, are actively behind Stubbs. successor for President Wilson, while as many republicans assert he is a staunch follower of their party. The women, as a rule, assert they don't care what his politics are, but believe he will be the best man mentioned so far.

Senator Wesley L. Jones is facing a warm fight for re-nomination and election. Senator Jones recently was suizzed by a labor paper as to his

with keen interest. Orleans will stand on the "open shop" question, poll the heaviest vote in its history January 20. The net registration just January 20. The net registration just closed is 55,211, almost 10,000 above that of 1916. Poll taxes for 1919 reached 59,528. The city will probably cast 45,000 votes this time, against around 40,000 last. Parker adherents around 40,000 last. Parker adherents claim the country and insist they will come to the city with a good lead, which, they hope, will be sufficient to overcome the Orleans majority for Stubbs.

Stubbs' managers declare they will carry the fourth and fifth congressions of the state campaign. Senator Jones' reply antagonized the labor vote and was not satisfactory to the "open shop" advocates. Both factions are out to "knife" him if possible. On of this wave of disapproval, Representative Stanley Webster returned home from the capital and in several home from the capital and in several lowers were looking for. This has started a grape vine gossip in political circles that Webster should be given the senatorial toga, if the opposition against Jones develops so given the senatorial toga, it the opposition against Jones develops so
strong there is a possibility he cannot
be elected if nominated.

In the Tacoma district—the third—
Representative Albert Johnson has
many warm admirers who are whispering around that he is the logical
successor for Senator Jones.

successor for Senator Jones.

Seattle, in the first district, has many ambitious politicians who be-lieve that it, being the largest city in the state, should have a United States senator, and there are several pro-spective candidates with lightning rods up.

Plans of Triple Alliance. The triple alliance is planning on a state convention some time in Janu-

ary, at which time the question of policy relative to the campaign of 1920 will be discussed. The leaders in the movement are discussing join-ing the recently formed liberal party and swinging in behind the organiza-tion. Others consider the labor party tion. Others consider the labor party as the natural place for the alliance, but the farmers who have become identified with the movement are op-posing this. Their inclinations are

with the liberal party as the national outgrowth of the Farmers' Non-parti-san League, to which many have paid Many precinct committeemen of the democratic party are to be found ac-tively working in the organization of the triple alliance. These, when questioned, put on an air of mystery and declare: "Wait until the January convention." The impression left is that the democrats are trying to con-trol the alliance machinery in this state and swing it in, so far as state and congressional politics is concerned, behind democratic nominees,

JAMES DE K. BROWN.

VIRGINIANS INTERESTED IN BRYAN'S "COME-BACK"

Voters of State Still Fond of Nebraskan-Has Support of Organized Workingmen. RICHMOND, Va., January 3 (Spe

cial).—Virginia politicians are interested in the "come-back" of William Jennings Bryan. They have read what he has had to say about mat-ters of public concern, they recall that he has been strong in this state in the past, and they know now that if he shall make up his mind to force if he shall make up his mind to lorce the fighting in the next national con-vention the delegates from this state will be disposed to stand by him. That is, they will be disposed to sup-port him if they undertake to rep-resent the rank and file of the dem-ceratic party. That is plain. Mention ocratic party. That is plain. Mention Bryan to the average public man and democrat and he will smile and say that a man ought to win once in four chances.

Leaders may not relish his return

to public view, but the voters of the state at large are still fond of the Nebraskan, and the organized workingmen are strong for him because of his view on the subject of gov-ernment railroad ownership. And the prohibitionists see in him much to admire. HORACE A. HAWKINS,

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Candidates for Republican Na-

tional Convention Give Views on Presidential Nominees. CONCORD, N. H., January 3 (Special).—The Wood boom got a big boost this week in New Hampshire with the publication in state papers of interviews with men who are can-

nouncements placing the various candidates on record for Gen. Wood. Those behind the Wood movement must send a delegation pledged to stand with the general's forces so long as he is a candidate before the convention. The Wood men declare there must not be an uninstructed delegation sent from the native state of Gen. Wood.

One of the political surprises of the week in the Granite state is the announcement of ex-Gov. Rolland H. Spaulding of Rochester that he will not be a candidate for the seat of United States Senator George H. Moses. For many months it has been known that Spaulding was feeling out the sentiment of republicans regarding his becoming a candidate for Senator Moses seat, and within a few weeks it had been assumed by many of his friends that he would try con-

torship comes to light in the discussion among democrats of a candidate to pit against Senator Moses. The latest man suggested is former Representative Raymond B. Stevens of Landaff, a lawyer. Mr. Stevens is vice chairman of the United States Shipping Board, and it is considered doubtful whether he would consent to become a candidate for the Senate. It is expected that upon the return It is expected that upon the return from Washington of Robert C. Mur-chie, democratic national committeeman, who is to attend the meeting there next week, that New Hamp-shire democrats will begin oiling up their campaign machinery prepara tory to making one of the fastest state contests in the history of the party. HARRY C. SHAW.

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didates for delegates to the republican national convention, such an-

clusions with Senator Moses.

An interesting angle on the senatorship comes to light in the discus-

lace, United States ambassador to France, will give a dinner and reception in honor of the Shah of Persia on January 10.

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